

HUERTA MUST DECIDE TO-DAY

U. S. Gives Him 24 Hours to Accept Wilson's Mediation Plan.

CRISIS IN SITUATION

Negotiations to Be Stopped When President Reads Message.

ACCEPTANCE IS EXPECTED

Mexico's President Feels Pressure of Powers and Sorely Needs Money.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The Mexican situation, as viewed by United States officials, will be at its crisis to-morrow. They believe that unless President Huerta accepts within the next twenty-four hours the American mediation proposals involving his retirement from office the negotiations, to all practical effects, will be terminated. A high official of the Administration to-night put it this way:

"Provisional President Huerta has until Tuesday to accept our plan."

Unless Huerta does give in to the American demands before President Wilson begins his address to Congress at noon on Tuesday there is now little hope among officials that he will yield at all or that the present revolution in the southern republic will be settled peacefully through the good offices of the United States.

Should Huerta maintain until Tuesday his policy of flatly demanding recognition by the United States and flatly refusing any suggestions not predicated upon this, President Wilson will give to the joint session of the House and the Senate all the information on the situation and his own views as to the duties which devolve upon the United States. President Wilson has completed and discussed with Secretary of State Bryan the first draft of this address. The President and Secretary Bryan have, however, kept to themselves the character of the views to be expressed to Congress. One statement, though, certainly will be made in the address, apart from the mere recital of what has happened to the south of the Texas border. This will be the fact and final announcement that the United States will not under any circumstances recognize the Huerta Government.

The President is firmly resolved on this much of his policy for dealing with Mexico in the event that the mediation plan is not accepted. This announcement will be the basis of whatever policy is evolved for the United States after Tuesday.

Support of Congress Assured.

There is little doubt of the reception that this announcement would receive at the hands of Congress. Members of both houses are themselves convinced of the wisdom of refusing to recognize Mexico until the conditions there are greatly improved and a President has been chosen by a constitutional election. With only a few dissenting voices, the President can count upon the solid support of Congress for this part of the tentative programme.

It is the President's intention now to hold a conference at the White House to-morrow evening with the Senate and House committees on Foreign Affairs. At this conference his address will be discussed in detail and suggestions from members of the committee as to the proper policy to be adopted will be considered. Arrangements for the conference have not been completed, however, and it is possible that the President may decide finally to let the members of the committees, like their colleagues in Congress, hear of his plans for the first time when he addresses them on Tuesday.

Official Washington was somewhat anxious to-night as a result of the realization that a climax at last had come to the impetuous string of events that have followed the summoning of Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson from Mexico City. Much of the hope that prevailed yesterday that Huerta would give in to the force of the delivery of the President's address to Congress was destroyed to-day by the failure of the Mexican President to take any step indicative of a yielding attitude. Still there would be no great surprise among many of the American officials should news be received here from Special Envoy Lind within the next forty-eight hours that he had been notified of the acceptance of the proposals which he bore to Mexico City.

Pressed by Need of Money.

These officials maintain the belief that Huerta cannot hope to continue long in power at the Mexican capital unless he can procure a supply of money. They rely much upon the statement that the provisional President's confidence has been shaken by his failure to float a loan in Paris during the past week. In these quarters it is pointed out that Huerta is a military leader and that by virtue of this leadership he came into the provisional Presidency. He, better than any one, is aware of the gravity of the situation brought on by his lack of funds to pay his soldiers. With threats of mutiny frequently heard among the soldiers, officials here hope that Huerta after playing his hand to the limit will give in to what seems the inevitable.

The Wilson Administration is counting on the pressure exerted by the Powers. Any action taken by foreign Governments thus far is entirely informal and unofficial. It has been merely in the character of a hint.

Although the logic of the situation would seem to point to the retirement of Huerta, the fear is entertained that he

PRIEST RAPS LAZY IN HIS PARISH

Offers Janitor's Job to Idle Men, but None Applies.

The Rev. Dr. William J. Donaldson, rector of the Roman Catholic Church of the Assumption, in York street, Brooklyn, delivered a sermon on laziness yesterday. In emphasizing his point that there were many men who could get work but wouldn't the priest offered a job at \$50 a month to any man who could do janitor's work.

Up to 8 o'clock last night no applications had been made for the job.

"There are some people who, though too lazy to get out of bed to go to church on a Sunday, are not too tired to get up every daybreak if they have a date to go to an outing," said the priest.

"And now, while I think of it, I have a job for a man right now. I want a janitor for our parochial school, and as I understand that within our parish are several nifty men who have nothing to do except count the sunbeams, I feel that one of these could fill the bill."

"He need be no genius at all, but he should be possessed of sufficient intelligence to know when and how to push a mop, to swing a broom, and to appreciate the difference between window panes clouded with dust and those which have just been washed."

He said that when the financial condition of the church got better the \$50 wages would be increased.

Dr. Donaldson was out last night, but it was said at his home that no one had appeared to ask for the job.

ROCKEFELLER IN TEARS ADDRESSES DEAF MUTES

Tells Them He Would Like to Know Their Language of Signs.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 24.—Two hundred members of the National Association of the Deaf attended this morning the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, of which John D. Rockefeller is a regular member. Mr. Rockefeller was, as usual and after the usuals had sung "Nearer, My God, to Thee," on their fingers, he addressed them.

Mr. Rockefeller spoke slowly, pausing between sentences the while he wiped away the traces of his deep emotion. His address was translated to the deaf by Mrs. Elmer E. Bates, official interpreter of the convention.

"My heart is greatly touched by looking upon your faces," Mr. Rockefeller said. "You are infinitely greater blessed than many, many other people. Your sign language is beautiful and I wish I knew it. God bless you all."

After the service Mr. Rockefeller was introduced to many of the deaf. He shook hands with all. To each he said: "This is a pleasure and privilege to me which I shall long remember." The phrase was translated to each unfortunate and all left Mr. Rockefeller's presence with happy smiles on their faces. So impressed was Mr. Rockefeller by the sign language of "Nearer, My God, to Thee" that he asked that the deaf repeat it, which they did.

Asked after the service if he would learn the deaf and dumb alphabet, Mr. Rockefeller looked almost pained. "The subject is too serious for light words," he said. "The sign language is beautiful."

ALIMONY CLUB GIVES DINNER.

Alimony in Honor of Its Newest Member, E. H. Pacey.

One of those delightful dinners with which the Alimony Club combats theedium of life in the Ludlow street jail was given yesterday afternoon in honor of the newest member, E. H. Pacey, who joined the club only five days ago. Yesterday was his forty-fifth birthday.

The six other prisoners who arranged the dinner invited Sheriff Harbinger, but he reluctantly spent his Sunday in Arcadia after sending word that his wards could do as far as they liked provided they paid for their extras and broke no rules.

The toastmaster by right of seniority, he has almost finished his six months residence in Ludlow street, was Oscar W. Blech. Others in the company were William McLaughlin, William Menke, Adam Zimmerman, Charles Schnackenberg and John Schneiderman.

Mr. Schneiderman, a motorman, is not strictly a member of the Alimony Club, having moved to the jail because of his sheriff's execution, but the others admitted him to the dinner because he is a great wit.

From a neighboring restaurant messengers brought soup, chicken, roast lamb, ice cream, cigars, coffee, two kinds of pickles and fruit. Warden Johnson permitted the celebrants to have a table to themselves.

KILLS MAN WHO SAVED HIS LIFE

Taylorport, Ky., Posse Seek William Zurebry's Slayer.

THAW WARNED BY SUSPICIOUS JAILER

Rumor of Plot to Break Prison Causes Threats of Cell in "Murderers' Row."

PREPARING FOR LONG FIGHT

Lawyers Expect to Halt Summary Action of Immigration Authorities.

SHERBROOKE, Quebec, Aug. 24.—Even the Freres Christians, dressed in their black robes and mushroom hats, took time from their merciful duties to-day to stroll by Sherbrooke's jail. Behind an iron gridded window Harry Thaw was saying:

"I am not afraid of Matteawan. I have braved the death chair twice. There is nothing to fear."

He is confident in himself, he is certain of his sanity. To-day he remembered the word "reasonable" and used it a hundred times. It was reasonable, he thought, to map out a colossal campaign of publicity. He spent the day doing so.

He secured a list of every newspaper in Vermont and New Hampshire. Then he sent out for reliable information regarding the status of various press associations in the Dominion, their relations to each other and their grip on the public. He brooded over the subject all day. His lawyers heard of it, his interviewers heard of it, his keeper heard of it.

J. H. La Force, Governor of the Sherbrooke jail, threatened to-day to lock Thaw in a murderer's cell if he obtained even the slightest confirmation of rumors of a plot to escape.

In the cell in which he threatened to put Thaw, Morrison, a Megantic murderer, was confined for several years. While Morrison was in the cell several raids were made upon the jail by the murderer's friends, who wanted to release him. All of the attempts failed.

The cell is small. The walls are of stone and the door is a massive piece of iron.

To-night there remains no doubt of the legal course that Thaw is going to follow. The habeas corpus writ will be argued Wednesday and according to general opinion he will be delivered over to the immigration authorities. An inquiry board of the Immigration Department will decide whether he is an escaped lunatic and entered Canada by stealth.

Long Delay Probable.

Should the board decide to deport him his attorneys will appeal to the Minister of the Interior. This would probably cause a prolonged investigation into Thaw's claim of freedom in Canada.

In the end if he is deported there will follow the fight against extradition to New York. But the immigration inquiry will probably take time. There is only the remotest chance that Thaw will be shipped to Vermont on short notice.

It is to prevent a summary action by the Canadian authorities that some of the best lawyers in the Dominion have been retained for him.

Thaw has outlined his case and has a very clear grip of it. He has instructed his lawyers to keep him in Canada as long as possible and to obtain freedom for him here if they can. With that on his mind he has decided that public opinion is going to be a powerful factor in his fate whether in Vermont or Canada and has set out to create sympathy for himself and to cause the impression that he has been the victim of his enemies.

He was calm to-day as he was yesterday, though he had a bad night. He was much concerned lest the people should think he was not personally in charge of his case.

"It must be made clear that I have been in charge of it all along," he said. "It must be understood as well that my lawyers are in perfect accord with me."

He spoke emphatically, waving a half smoked cigar in the air much as an orchestra conductor waves a baton.

Thaw Has Grown Dictatorial.

There is no doubt about his keen pleasure in the present situation. His tone has grown dictatorial, his delivery is clearly meant to be overbearing.

He wore the same pair of shiny blue trousers, the same black striped shirt, the same black kid shoes and the same faded blue necktie that he has worn since he was locked up in Sherbrooke's jail. The shirt was unmistakably soiled even in the dim light of Thaw's room. The trousers bagged at the knees. To all of this Thaw was serenely oblivious, almost studiously so.

TEA AND TIES FOR MR. BROWN.

Novel Rites to Mark His Start on Suffrage Tour of State.

Alfred H. Brown will begin a tour of the State to-day on behalf of the Men's League for Woman Suffrage by attending four teas and receiving four neckties.

On the roof of the National Association, 505 Fifth avenue, at 2:15 o'clock, Miss Eleanor Burns will give to Mr. Brown a cup of tea and a blue and white tie. At 3 o'clock he will submit to more tea and a yellow and black tie at the State association, 130 Madison avenue.

At 3:30 Miss Flora Gopen will bestow a white tie embroidered with "Votes for Women" in yellow at the Woman Suffrage party's rooms, 48 East Thirty-fourth street, and at 4 he will find tea, Miss Eleanor Erving, her automobile and a purple, green and white tie awaiting him at the Woman's Political Union headquarters, 13 West Forty-second street.

Chaperoned by R. C. Beadle, secretary of the Men's League, Miss Erving will drive Mr. Brown to Yonkers, where he will make his first speech this evening.

Mr. Brown will be kept carefully informed by telegraph of the persuasion of the various groups of suffragists who will meet him along his line of march in order that he may always appear in the proper tie.

AVIATOR CRASHES THROUGH A BRIDGE

Two Men Killed at Rouen in Paris to Deauville Race.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

PARIS, Aug. 24.—Two men were killed in the hydroaeroplane race from the suburbs of Paris to Deauville, a distance of 200 miles, to-day.

Nine of the ten entrants in the race started. De Montant was the pilot and Metivier the mechanic of No. 9, a Breguet machine. When the machine was over Rouen it fell 450 feet. De Montant crashed through a bridge, struck the deck of a river barge and was then thrown into the hold. Metivier fell between two barges. Both men were killed instantly.

De Montant, who was 27 years old, lived at Rouen, where he owned much property.

Charles T. Weymann, the American aviator, piloting a Nieuport machine, was the first starter from Le Pecq beneath the famous terrace of St. Germain-en-Laye, which was crowded with spectators. When near Rouen he smashed one of the wings of his machine against a tree and abandoned the contest.

Chemet, piloting a Borel machine, arrived at Deauville in 3 hours 48 minutes. Levasseur, flying a Nieuport machine, reached the watering place in 7 hours 37 minutes.

Molla, driving a Leveque machine, finished third in 8 hours and 46 minutes. Janoir, piloting a Deperdussin machine, finished fourth in 10 hours 11 minutes. In addition to Weymann, Divietan and Rugere abandoned the contest.

George Chemet, the winner, is 42 years old. He won the first hydroaeroplane race in England in 1912. He crossed the Adriatic from Venice to Trieste. Some time ago he was summoned to the court of justice for impeding the navigation of the Seine with a hydroaeroplane.

A hydroaeroplane meeting will open at Deauville on Monday and will continue until August 31. It will be under the auspices of the Ministry of Marine, which offers \$10,000 in prizes. To this the Aero Club added \$10,000 more. The choice of Deauville as the place for the competitions is much criticised. There is no harbor there, no shelter of any kind, not even a slip for the machines to leave the sea.

The Aero Club, which was accused of favoring this fashionable resort, replies that the Ministry of Marine made the choice.

This will be another cause of trouble in the ranks of members of the Aero Club, which is split into two factions, the aviation and balloon enthusiasts. The former faction accuses the club of doing nothing for aviation.

CHALONER INVITES THAW.

Says Virginia Is Safest Place in World for Mattawan Runaway.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Aug. 24.—John Armstrong Chaloner has invited Harry Thaw to make his home in Virginia after he gets back to the United States from Canada.

"Virginia is the safest place in America for Thaw," Chaloner said to-day. "In this State a sane man is accorded justice. In New York he does not get a fair deal."

"Thaw is sane, and if he came to Virginia he would get his hands on him."

"If he had come to Virginia in the first place instead of going to Canada he would not be in trouble now."

Thaw is reported to have replied to Chaloner's invitation, saying that he would come here at the first opportunity.

Gov. Mann, who is now in Denver, was reported to have said that he would not honor a request for Thaw's return if he came here. The Governor stated that he would not express an opinion until called upon to act.

BOMB FOUND AT DOOR OF A MINEOLA BANK

Police Say Attempt Was Made to Blow Up the First National.

CLUE ON PAPER WRAPPER

May Have Been Strikers' Revenge on Doubleday, Page & Co.

MINEOLA, L. I., Aug. 24.—Police Captain Appleby passed the First National Bank, at Main and Front streets, on his rounds at 3 o'clock this morning and noticed nothing out of the ordinary.

Half an hour later he retraced his steps and saw a suspicious looking bundle wrapped in paper with long fuses sticking out lying in front of the plate glass door of the bank. He gingerly picked it up, tucked it under his arm and took it to the home of Police Magistrate John Buhler.

The captain routed the Magistrate out of bed and together they made a superficial examination of the package. They dug through three layers of wrapping paper and found coils of hemp rope wound tightly around a cylinder shaped tube.

Connected with the device were wires six inches long and two fuses fourteen inches long leading to percussion caps.

Deciding that discretion was the better part of valor, they didn't try to pry into its secrets, but dumped the thing into the Buhler family washtub and covered it with water.

Just what was done with the bomb could not be learned up to a late hour last night. Capt. Appleby said that he was continuing his investigations and couldn't tell anything about the bomb or its makers, as such information might possibly defeat the ends of justice.

It is known, however, that the police inquiry leads in the direction of an Italian who is supposed to know something about the infernal machine.

One of the paper wrappers bore the inscription: "B. 11, W. 32, N. Y." The police interpreted this as meaning 11 West Thirty-second street, the main office of Doubleday, Page & Co.

In thinking up possible explanations for the presence of a bomb in front of the bank early on Sunday morning, when comparatively few people were astir in the town, it was recalled that Doubleday, Page & Co., who have a large account at the bank, had a strike on at their Garden City plant.

It was suggested that perhaps somebody with a heart full of bitterness had schemed to blow up the bank in order to scatter the bank's deposits to all points of the compass.

President Edward C. Willets of the First National Bank was notified of the finding of the bomb. He urged the police to get, if possible, the person who placed it at the bank's front door, and also asked that officers be stationed at the bank to prevent other bombs from being set off near the bank property.

TWO \$15,000 FOXES STOLEN.

Man Arrested in Portland on Canadian Complaint.

PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 24.—Charged with being concerned in the theft of a pair of pure black breeding foxes, Lemuel Coughlin was arrested here to-day upon a complaint sworn out by Detective Charles Black, who came here from Prince Edward Island in search of Coughlin. This sort of fox is very rare, having been valued at as much as \$15,000 each.

According to the detective's story, the foxes were stolen from a breeding farm at Fortune Cove, Prince Edward Island, Coughlin's home, last June. Suspicion pointed to Coughlin as being the ringleader of a gang which had been stealing foxes from the breeders for some time.

Coughlin left his home less than a month ago, and as he has a son-in-law in Portland it was believed that he had come here. Detective Black came here to look him up and as he stepped off the train found him working at Union Station. His lawyer will fight against Coughlin's extradition.

EAST SIDE BACKING SULZER.

Five Small Boys Carry Words of Cheer to Impugned Governor.

The people of the East Side sent a cheering letter to Gov. Sulzer yesterday, medium of five small boys yesterday. They assure him they are behind his every action and express strong contempt for the workings of Tammany Hall.

The boys, all members of the East Side Protective Association, started on their hike from Hamilton Fish park, amid roving cheers from thousands. They expect to arrive in Albany on Thursday.

The letter, which is signed by Harry H. Schack, superintendent of the East Side Protective Association, closes by saying: "In the name of the people of the East Side I pray that the almighty God may shower His choicest blessings upon you and your beloved wife and that He may grant you health and strength that you may be of continued usefulness in the public service."

WILL MAKE HUSBANDS WORK.

Judge Finds "Idleness" a Crime and Holds the Prisoner.

WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 24.—For the first time in this State a man was held in jail in the municipal court here on a charge of idleness. When Alphonus M. Action was arraigned on a specific charge of breach of the peace preferred by his wife Judge Churchill remarked that according to the defendant's wife he would not work. The judge then said that having understood that idleness is a crime according to Blackstone he would also place that charge against the accused.

Action was held under a \$300 peace bond and ordered to give \$500 bail additional for a hearing next Wednesday on the idleness charge. He was unable to furnish bail.

"Every few days," the judge said, "men are brought before the court on complaint of their wives. The main cause of the trouble is that the husbands will not work. I hope to find a remedy."

MR. ASTOR LANDS WITH MIDDIES

Ends Two Weeks Cruise on Battleship Utah.

NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 24.—Thirteen battleships and cruisers passed in the Virginia Capes early this morning and steamed up Chesapeake Bay to Annapolis. Each ship had a number of midshipmen on board. The fleet will return to Hampton Roads to-morrow to prepare for target practice.

Vincent Astor, who spent two weeks on the battleship Utah, landed at Annapolis with the midshipmen. He boarded his yacht Noma there and started to sea again. Mr. Astor disappointed a number of society people at Old Point, who had planned to entertain him.

TREASURE HUNT AT JACK'S.

Search During Repairs at All Night Restaurant Is Vain.

Jack Dunstan hates innovation as much as anybody, but he is putting in a new floor in the bar and grill room of his restaurant. For the first time since he opened his Sixth avenue establishment, years and years ago, threw away the key and wrote "Jack's" over the door the bar and grill were closed yesterday while the secured pine boards and linoleum covering were ripped up.

All the treasure hunters of the neighborhood attended the ceremony. They had heard that fabulous wealth lay beneath the floor and in the chinks—rings and money and maybe gold snuff boxes lost by forgotten guests in the days ago.

But the hope proved vain. When the last plank was up nothing had been found except a few quarters, dimes and nickels that had escaped the waiters and a mangle cufflink or two.

TAG NOT IN COLOR SCHEME.

Woman Automobillist Enamelled Her License Number White.

ASHVILLE, N. C., Aug. 24.—Mrs. Thomas Settle, wife of the Republican State leader and herself a social leader, when notified by a policeman that she had violated the law requiring each automobile to display its license number, made up to him that the maroon color of the numbers on the white sign-board furnished by the State made such an impossible color combination with her black bodied car that she could not think of using the tag.

"And so I had the numbers enamelled white," she explained. "It looks much better, does it not?"

The policeman found that both numbers and board were white. As the law strictly requires the use of the color officially designated in order that this year's tags may not be confused with those of other years, the policeman said he would pass the artistic inharmonious question up to the court.

BRINGS 2,400 SEALSKINS.

Animals Were Killed Only to Furnish Food for Eskimos.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24.—With 2,400 sealskins and 1,000 skins of blue fox, the steamer Homer returned to-day from the Pribilof Islands. The furs and sealskins were gathered from the United States Government stations on St. George and St. Paul islands and are worth about \$1,000,000.

Last year the Homer brought down 5,000 sealskins. Seals are killed only to furnish food for the Eskimos of the islands.

ENTERS PULPIT WITH BLACK EYE

Preacher Explains He Got It Playing Tennis, Not the Other Way.

When the Rev. Dr. Len G. Broughton of London, Ontario, returned to-day from the Madison Avenue Reformed Church yesterday morning there was a buzz of excited comment. Something had attracted all eyes. That something was not his black alpaca coat or comfortably low cut collar. It was his right eye. It was swollen and around it was a dark circle that all eyes were focused upon that black and blue circle. The Rev. Dr. Broughton before beginning his sermon said:

"Let my hearers sympathize with me too freely I will explain. I have a black eye. It is a sore eye, but I promise you I did not get it the way you think. You see, I was playing tennis and the ball—Well, I guess that explains."

AUTOS USED AS BATHHOUSES.

Rockaway Beach Police Stop Distributing in Machines.

Capt. Coleman of the Rockaway Beach police yesterday returned that a bathhouse isn't a bathhouse when it is an automobile. He sent a squad of officers to the beach with that idea fixed in their minds and many motorists drove away without their expected dips.

Residents of the Belle Harbor and Rockaway Park sections notified Capt. Coleman that sundry auto parties were converting their machines into bathhouses. The machines drove onto the beach at street ends, curtains were drawn and motorists emerged in bathing suits.

Capt. Coleman's men made no arrests. They just warned the wet and dry motorists and let it go at that.

TELEGRAPH KEY CUPID'S AID.

New York Manager Engaged After Courtship Over Wire.

HARTFORD, Conn., Aug. 24.—Beginning some years ago in discussing telegraph tribulations, a romantic courtship over the Hartford-New York telegraph wires culminated to-night in the announcement of the engagement of Miss Georgiana Southworth of the Hartford main office of the Postal Telegraph Company and Edward A. Coney, night manager of the main office of the Postal in New York City.

Miss Southworth, who lives at 215 Garden street, has been with the company for twenty years and is known as an efficient and conscientious operator. Ten years ago she was in active charge of the Hartford office as manager for some time and it was then that she was brought in communication with Manager Coney.

At a late hour last night Mr. Coney was on duty at the Postal's main office, 253 Broadway, confirmed the news of his engagement. He said the wedding would probably take place the latter part of October.

Operators at various points who had heard the story of the romance going over the wires stopped their work long enough to send congratulations to Mr. Coney.

REAL SLAVERY IN